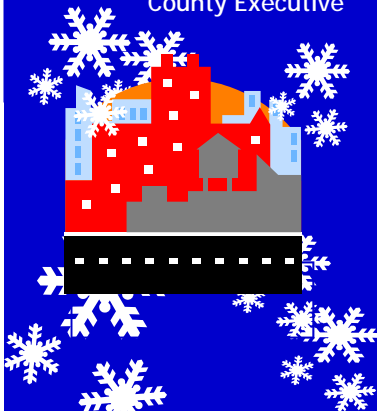


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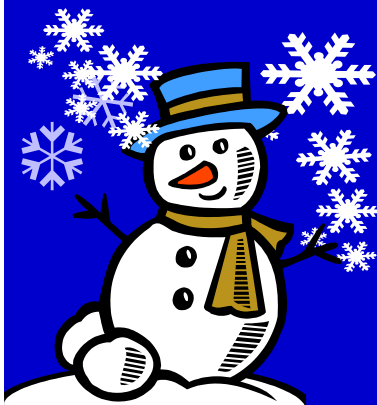
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# THE PLAN AHEAD

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A Newsletter published by the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT)

## ***It's Getting Better All the Time for Pedestrians and Cyclists***

**J**ust when you thought it doesn't get better than this, Montgomery County's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) believes it's getting better all the time—that is, for pedestrians, commuters and cyclists.

The 1994 Bethesda Central Business District (CBD) Sector Plan recommends that specific bikeway connections and pedestrian access improvements be provided for progression from Stage I to Stage II development to increase employment capacity. DPWT's Bethesda Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities Capital Improvements Program (CIP 500119) project will plan, design and implement continuity to the County's overall bikeway network, enhancements to pedestrian circulation including access, and improvements transportation deficiencies at key intersections in Bethesda, Maryland.

In December 2004, the first location under this CIP, **Montgomery Lane and Woodmont Avenue** was completed for an intersection neck down and the installation of pedestrian count-down traffic signal heads. The improvements reduced the pavement width on Montgomery Lane to enhance pedestrian movement and improve their safety when crossing the intersection.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you the next set of pedestrian and BFA (Bike Friendly Areas) improvements proposed for the Bethesda CBD.

Locations for pedestrian and cyclist safety include:

1. **Norfolk Avenue from Rugby Avenue/ Glenbrook Road to Woodmont Avenue.**
2. **The intersection of Woodmont Avenue and Bethesda Avenue**

In the following pages of the newsletter concept plans for both locations are provided for your review and comment. Additionally, the purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to a public information meeting on the aforementioned locations in which the public is encouraged to share their views and comments. The public meeting is scheduled for:

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 19, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:00-9:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (BCC RSC)  
Conference Room A & B  
**ADDRESS:** 4805 Edgemoor Lane  
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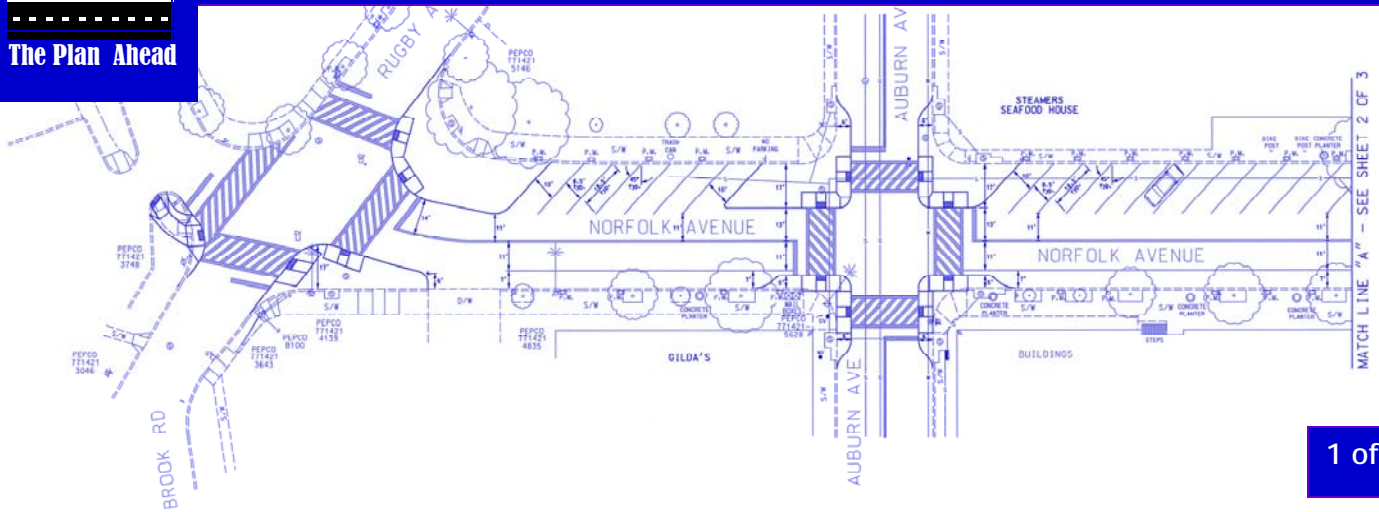
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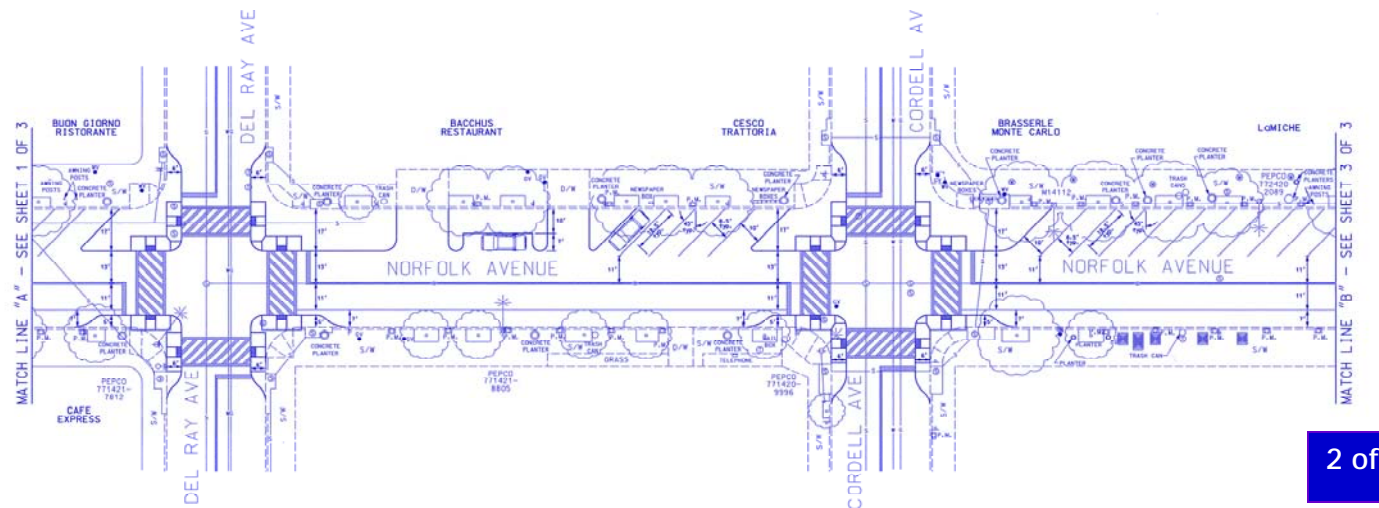




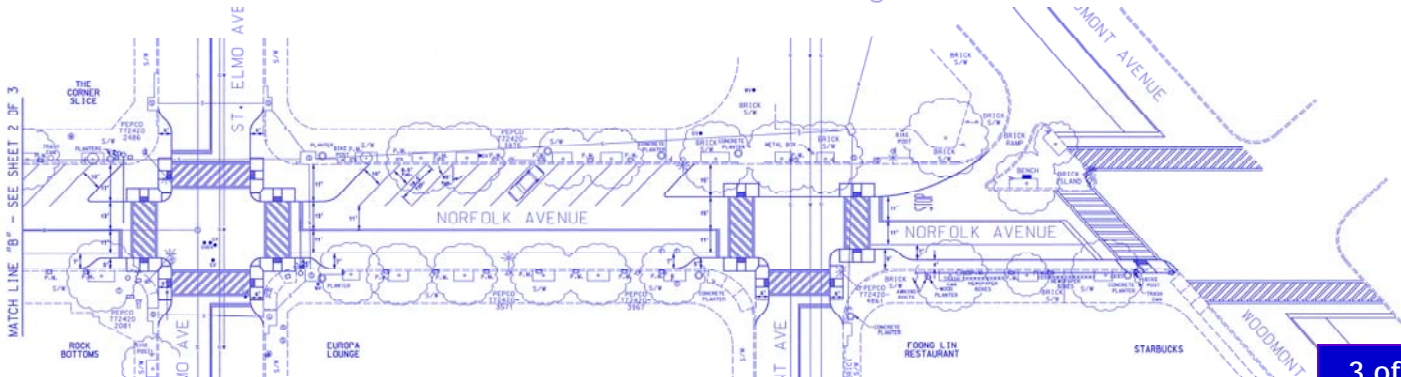
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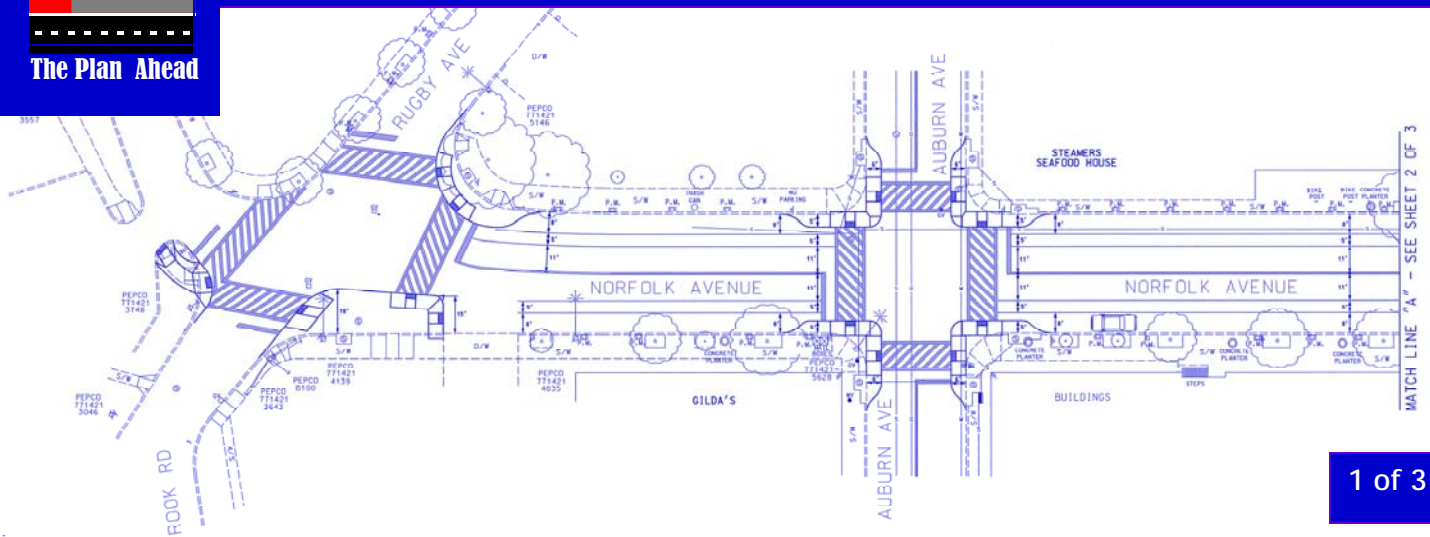
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CONCEPT 1 provides the following design elements along Norfolk Avenue:

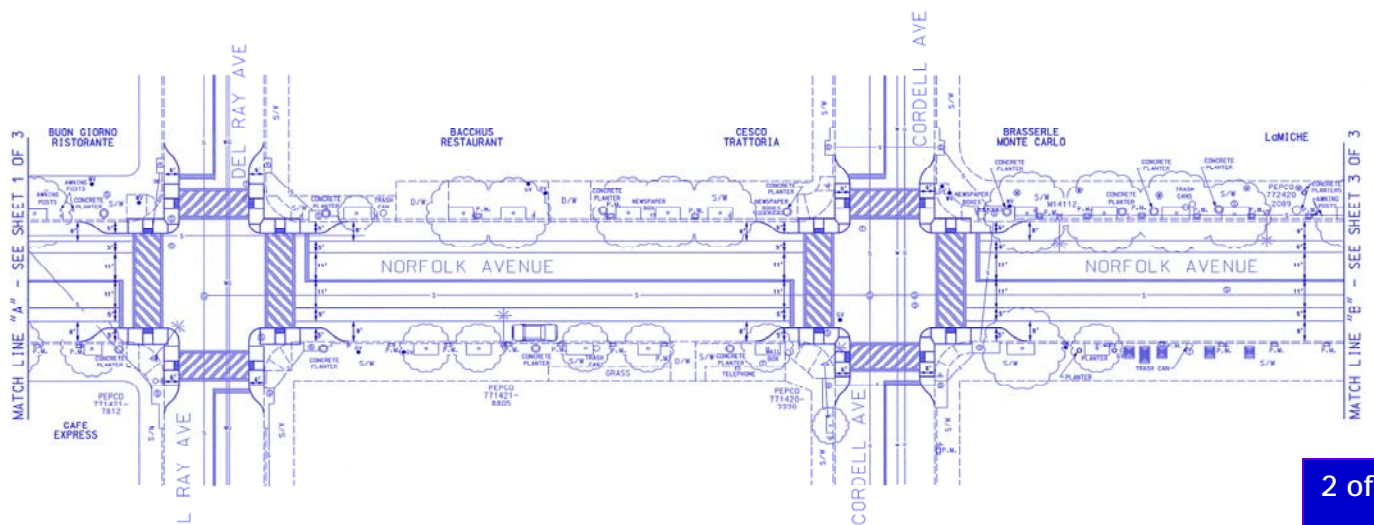
- Back-In 45 Degree Angled Parking along the North Side and Parallel parking along the South Side of Norfolk Avenue
- Intersection neck downs to reduce pavement width for pedestrian crossings.
- Installation of Countdown Pedestrian Traffic Signal Heads.
- An increase in on-street parking spaces by approximately 30%, increasing parking spaces from 64 to 83 spaces.
- On-road bike lanes are not included since speeds of traffic will be slow due to back in parking design.



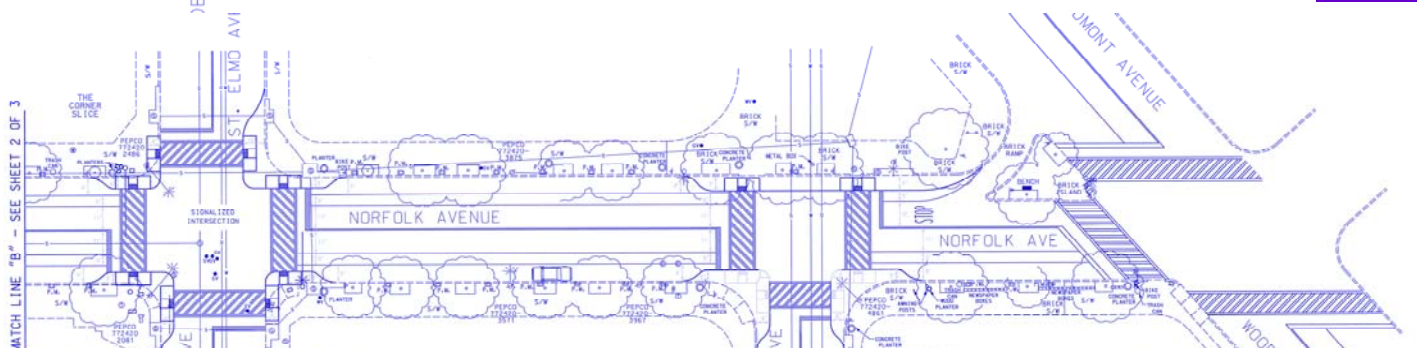
# NORFOLK AVENUE (Rugby/Glenbrook to Woodmont) CONCEPT 2



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CONCEPT 2 provides the following design elements along Norfolk Avenue:

- Parallel parking along the North/South Side of Norfolk Avenue
- Intersection neck downs to reduce pavement width for pedestrian crossings.
- Installation of Countdown Pedestrian Traffic Signal Heads.
- On-road 5 foot bike lanes.
- A loss of one on-street parking space, reducing parking spaces from 64 to 63 spaces.

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## WOODMONT AVENUE/BETHESDA AVENUE CONCEPT



This CONCEPT provides the following pedestrian/cyclist safety design elements at the intersection of Woodmont Avenue and Bethesda Avenue:

- Remove the hot right turn from southbound Woodmont Avenue to westbound Bethesda Avenue
- Realign crosswalks to reduce the pavement width crossing.
- Bump out curb lines to decrease expansive pavement width and shorten pedestrian crossing time.
- Installation of Countdown Pedestrian Traffic Signal Heads.
- No impact to existing on-street parking.



**\*\*This proposal contains approximate layouts and conceptual information. Exact details of property and right-of-way impacts will be determined once a final decision has been made.**





## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Who receives this newsletter?**

This newsletter is mailed to those citizens, adjacent to the project, whose names appear on the County's Geographical Information System's (GIS) data base. We apologize if you did not receive a

newsletter. Please contact Ms. Marsha Wheeler-Christ at 240-777-6174 to have your name added to the Woodmont Avenue/Montgomery Lane project mailing list.

**Q: Do I have to complete the Project Comments Form?**

DPWT always encourages the public to offer comments to help us to better serve your needs. The Newsletter, *The Plan Ahead*, along with the Project Comments Form is intended to share information about the project and provide an opportunity to share your concerns. DPWT highly encourages you to provide your comments on the postage-paid Project Comments Form for it allows our staff to document the community's concerns. However, you may also contact the Project Manager:

Aruna Miller

PHONE: 240-777-7194

FAX: 240-777-7277

[aruna.miller@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:aruna.miller@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Q: What happens after you receive my Project Comments Form?**

Your comments and concerns will be taken into consideration as the project team evaluates your remarks. The team will determine whether or not, if any, revisions are necessary. However, due to the high volume of comments we receive, we will not be able to respond directly to all feedback.

**Q: Who is on the project team?**

The project team includes representatives from various agencies whose skills and disciplines can best provide technical input to the overall quality of the project. In addition to DPWT's staff (including Gail Tait-Nouri, Bikeways Program Manager), the following individuals represent the project team:

### [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#)

- Chuck Kines, County-Wide Transportation Planning
- Marilyn Clemens, Community Based Planning

### [Bethesda Urban Partnership](#)

- Dave Dabney
- Jeff Burton

### [Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center](#)

- Deborah Snead, Director

### [Bethesda Transportation Solutions](#)

- Francine Waters

**Q: What happens after this meeting?** Comments and concerns from the public information meeting will be taken into consideration as the project team evaluates each concept. Along with the public's comments, the concept that best addresses public safety and improvements to the overall quality of life will be selected. The project will then proceed to design engineering. The public will be updated on the project status in a newsletter format.

**Q: When is construction expected to occur?** Once a concept is selected for the Norfolk Avenue, it is anticipated construction can begin as early as Summer 2005. Construction is anticipated for Spring 2005 for the proposed improvements to the intersection of Woodmont Avenue and Bethesda Avenue.

As always, DPWT will make every effort to minimize impact to adjacent businesses and restaurants during construction and will keep you up to date on the project status and construction schedule through future newsletters. At anytime, please feel free to contact Aruna Miller, Project Manager, at 240-777-7194 should you have any questions or concerns.

## Meet DPWT'S Director, Art Holmes, Jr.

**A**rt Holmes, Jr., Major General, U.S. Army (Retired), is the new Director of DPWT which employs over 1,500 staff who are dedicated to providing county residents with a variety of services.

In addition to his Go Montgomery! and Montgomery County Planning Board experience, Mr. Holmes served for eight years as Vice-President of Logistics Applications and then President and CEO of the Automated Sciences Group, Inc. -- a Silver Spring-



Art Holmes, Jr.,  
Director of DPWT.

based high-tech corporation with 300 computer scientists and engineers and an average annual revenue of \$28 million.

He also serves on the boards of the NAACP, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation, Leadership Montgomery Foundation and the Olney Theater.

He and his wife, Wilma, have four children and six grandchildren and they reside in Olney, Maryland.



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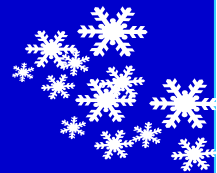
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